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For: A CERAMIC SUPPORT CAPABLE OF
SUPPORTING A CATALYST...

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

**SECOND
STATUS INQUIRY**

An Appeal Brief was filed on **November 22, 2004** in the above-identified application. A Supplemental Appeal Brief was filed on **February 2, 2005**. Appendices II and IV, which were attached to the Supplemental Appeal Brief, were resubmitted together with an explanatory Letter on **March 7, 2005** because the appendices had not been properly scanned by the PTO. Following a telephone call with the Examiner, a Letter to determine the status of the appeal was filed on **July 12, 2005**. A Status Request was filed on **November 3, 2005** to which there has been no reply and Applicants have not received any communication from the Patent Office regarding either a Notice of Allowance or an Examiner's Answer to the Appeal Brief.

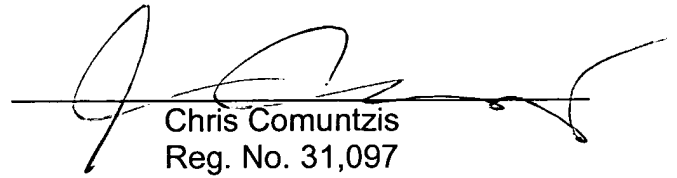
According to Private Pair all of the above papers have been received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Inquiry is made as to when a Notice of Allowance or Examiner's Answer will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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